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Application No.: 09/645,375
Applicant(s): Keizou OCHI
For: INFORMATION DISPLAY DEVICE
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Customer No.: 24367
Docket No.: 15162/01990
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Group Art Unit: 2673
Examiner: Kent Wu Chang

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December 11, 2003

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**SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

This communication is to supplement the petition filed by Applicant on May 14, 2003 requesting rescission of abandonment of the application. The subject application was held abandoned for failure to pay the issue fee in response to a Notice of Allowance issued December 13, 2002. The petition requests rescission of the holding of abandonment because Applicant never received the Notice of Allowance. As fate would have it, we recently received the Notice of Allowance on December 1, 2003. The envelope sending the notice

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Application No. 09/645,375
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Reply to Office Action of April 18, 2003

is postmarked November 28, 2003. In addition, page 4 of the notice (Form PTOL-85, page 4 of 4) is stamped "RECEIVED Nov 19 2003 Technology Center 2600." A complete copy of the mailing and the front surface of the envelope are attached. Applicant can only surmise that the lost notice was uncovered in the recent preparations by the USPTO staff to move to the new Alexandria offices.

In view of the above showing, Applicant requests the grant of this Supplement Petition to withdraw the current holding of abandonment. Applicant is not aware of any fee required for this Petition; however, in the event that a fee is required, please charge any necessary fee (other than the issue fee) to Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

Respectfully submitted,

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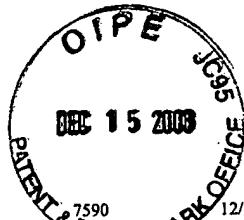
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CHANG, KENT WU

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nonprovisional	NO	\$1280	\$0	\$1280	03/13/2003

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

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Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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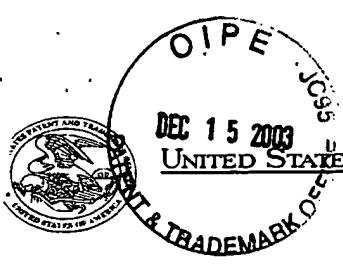
Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The patent term adjustment to date is 415 days. If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the term adjustment will be 415 days.

If a continued prosecution application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines patent term adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. (<http://pair.uspto.gov>)

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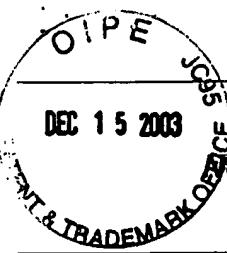
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The current fee schedule is accessible from: <http://www.uspto.gov/main/howtofees.htm>.

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Notice of Allowability

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--
All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- This communication is responsive to the Application filed on 8/24/00.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
- The drawings filed on 24 August 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
(a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: it is known in the art to detect the voltage level of the power supply and turns the display dimmer or off when the voltage level is low, it is also known to detect the voltage level of the power supply for various purpose as taught by Konaka et al (US Patent No.6,256,742), Kikuchi et al (US Patent No. 6,038,515), Gauthier (US Patent No. 5,184,117), Chou (US Patent No. 6,476,590), and Usuba et al (US Patent No. 4,328,490); however, the prior art of the record fails to teach or suggest singly or in combination a display device including, inter alia, a display element, a power supply, and image changing means based on power supply voltage detecting means in a manner prescribed in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kent Chang whose telephone number is 703-305-4824. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala, can be reached at 703-305-4938.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

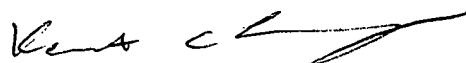
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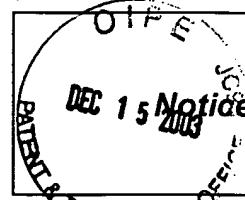
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is 703-305-9700.


KENT W CHANG
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 2673

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*	Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Name	Classification
*	A US-6,256,742	07-2001	Konaka et al.	713/320
*	B US-6,038,515	03-2000	Kikuchi et al.	702/63
*	C US-5,184,117	02-1993	Gauthier, Lloyd W.	345/102
*	D US-6,476,590	11-2002	Chou, Hsien-Ying	323/284
*	E US-4,328,490	05-1982	Usuba et al.	345/618
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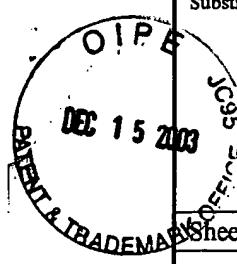
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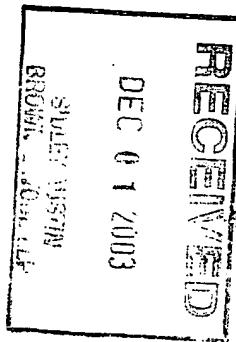
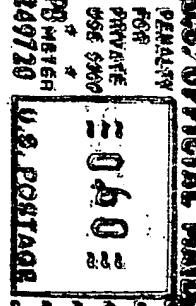
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